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SUMMARY: THE SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN FORMAL SESSION
TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF RHODESIA DURING AFTER-
NOON MARCH 6. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DEBATE WAS
STATEMENT BY SALIM (TANZANIA) WHO IN MODERATE BUT

WELL CHOSEN WORDS CATEGORICALLY CONDEMNED THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND URGED SUPPORT FOR THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL. THE COUNCIL ALSO HEARD STATEMENTS FROM UPPER VOLTA AND ZAMBIA. END SUMMARY.

1. SECURITY COUNCIL MET AFTERNOON MARCH 6 TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF RHODESIA AND HEARD STATEMENTS FROM THE PERMREPS OF TANZANIA, UPPER VOLTA AND ZAMBIA. SALIM (TANZANIA), IN A MODERATE, WELL-WORDED STATEMENT, PREDICTED THAT "A WRONG MOVE OR INACTION" BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD NOT ONLY THREATEN PEACE AND SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA BUT IN THE WORLD AS WELL. HE SAID THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT REACHED IN SALISBURY IS A PRESCRIPTION FOR INCREASED BLOODSHED AND WILL NOT STOP THE WAR BUT WILL EXACERBATE IT. THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WAS ONLY THE LATEST AND MOST DEADLY IN SMITH'S LONG HISTORY OF MANEUVERS. HE SAID THAT POSITIVE ACCOLADES FOR THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WERE BOTH "UNFORTUNATE AND DANGEROUS"; THEY ONLY GAVE SMITH CONFIDENCE TO PUSH HIS EFFORTS FORWARD. SMITH'S OBJECTIVE IS TO OBSTRUCT A TRUE TRANSFER OF POWER; IN FACT, HE WILL ACCEPT ONLY ITS APPEARANCE.

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2. IN A POINT-BY-POINT CRITIQUE OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT, SALIM SAID THAT TANZANIA CATEGORICALLY REJECTED IT AS A REAL SETTLEMENT -- ESPECIALLY ITS PROVISIONS FOR MAINTAINING INTACT SMITH'S ARMY AND POLICE. SALIM ALSO NOTED THE "CLEAR AND DECISIVE" REJECTION OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT BY THE RECENT OAU TRIPOLI CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT ANY RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION MUST ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING: (A) AN ENDING OF THE SMITH REGIME AND A DISMANTLING OF THE ARMED FORCES; (B) THE EFFECTIVE TRANSFER OF POWER AND THE EMERGENCE OF ZIMBABWE AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A NEW ZIMBABWE ARMY. (C) THE CREATION OF A CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE WHERE PEOPLE CAN FREELY DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE GOVERNMENT. THE MAINTENANCE OF SMITH'S ARMED FORCES, SALIM SAID, IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE CREATION OF SUCH A CLIMATE.

3. SALIM THEN SAID THAT, WHILE THERE SHORT-COMINGS IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (AAP), THE AAP FULFILLED THE AFOREMENTIONED CRITERIA AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF TANZANIA AND OF THE OTHER FL STATES

HAD WELCOMED IT. THE FL ALSO APPROVED OF THE AAP'S CALL FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UN AND FOR THE UK TO TAKE CHARGE AS THE LEGAL COLONIAL ADMINISTRATOR. SALIM SAID THAT IT WAS WITH PROFOUND REGRET AND CONCERN THAT HIS GOVERNMENT NOW SAW A SENSE OF RESIGNATION BY THE UK AND US REGARDING THEIR OWN PLAN.

4. SALIM CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT ONLY THE PRESSURE OF ARMED STRUGGLE COMBINED WITH THE PRESSURE EXERTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD BRING ABOUT MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA.

5. KONIE (ZAMBIA) SAID THAT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WAS A SELL OUT AND THAT IT WAS A CHALLENGE TO THE AAP. SHE ACCUSED THE UK OF DISCONTINUING ITS SUPPORT OF THE AAP AND WARNED THAT THE CREDIBILITY OF THE PROPONENTS OF THE AAP WAS AT STAKE. SHE SAID ZAMBIA BELIEVED THAT ONLY A CONTINUED AND INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE WOULD BRING A RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION IN RHODESIA.

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SHE ENDED HER STATEMENT BY SAYING THAT SMITH MUST
NOT BE ALLOWED TO VETO THE AAP AND CALLED FOR
FURTHER ACTION AGAINST SMITH THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION
OF FULL CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS.
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6. MENSAH (UPPER VOLTA), CHAIRMAN OF THE
AFRICAN GROUP FOR MARCH, OPENED MEETING WITH
BRIEF STATEMENT. HE ASSERTED RHODESIAN PROBLEM
COULD NOT BE SOLVED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ANY
INTERNAL FRAMEWORK AND THAT THE INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT WOULD ONLY CAUSE A "FRATRACIDAL CIVIL
WAR". HE STATED THAT, DESPITE ITS FAULTS, THE
AAP IS A VIABLE FRAMEWORK TO BRING PEACE AND
SECURITY TO THE REGION.

7. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR SALIM'S STATEMENT
MARCH 6 WAS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE AND PERCEIVED AS
SUCH AT THE UN. IN NON-INFLAMMATORY TERMS HE
MANAGED BOTH TO BUILD A SOLID, RATIONAL CASE AGAINST
THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND PUT THE MONKEY ON UK/US
BACKS TO PRESS THEIR OWN PLAN TO FRUITION. SALIM'S
AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, THE REST OF TODAY'S SPEECHES,
COMBINED WITH THE PUBLICATION IN THE NEW YORK TIMES
OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS OVER THE
WEEKEND, HAVE MADE IT INCREASINGLY LESS CREDIBLE
TO ARGUE HERE THAT THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT HAS
ANY MERIT. WE HEARD FAR MORE SUPPORT FOR THE AAP
IN THE CORRIDORS TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE -- COMBINED
WITH URGINGS FOR THE UK AND US TO MOVE IT FORWARD.
IT STRIKES US THIS AFFECTION FOR AAP MAY HAVE COME

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